ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS - Day 6 - January 30, 2011 ARISPE, ET AL vs. MORGAN, KEEGAN & COMPANY

BEFORE FINRA DISE	OUTE RESOLUTION
In the Matter of the Arbitrat	tion Between:
RICHARD R. ARISPE, JIMMY A.)
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ADELA CHRISTINE COLLADO,)
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M. SEARS, DANIEL J. SEARS,)
KENNETH W. SEARS, III, JUDY)
STRICKLAND, ELIZABETH STEIN 8	⊊)
SHANA L. STEIN,)
Claimants	,
v.) FINRA CASE NO. 09-006655
)
MORGAN KEEGAN & COMPANY,) .
Respondent.	

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ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS was taken in the above-styled and numbered cause on the 30th day of January, 2011, from 9:01 a.m. to 4:55 p.m., before Kelly Hanna, Certified Shorthand Reporter in and for the State of Texas, reported by computerized stenotype machine at the offices of Greenberg Traurig, 1000 Louisiana, Suite 1700, Houston, Texas, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the provisions stated on the record or attached hereto.

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- A. Well, a modern portfolio theory is based on the
- 2 importance of asset allocation and diversification,
- 3 that, in fact, you cannot -- you cannot really
- 4 outperform a -- a broadly diversified portfolio based on
- 5 risk and reward. So, it's -- it's -- it's the standard
- 6 that we're using in the industry. But I think more
- 7 importantly, I think it was Mr. Kelsoe's experience in
- 8 the past where you could have corporate bonds, for
- 9 example, in certain recessions falling a lot more than,
- 10 perhaps, other types of securities and he wanted to be
- 11 able to manage that kind of risk by -- through
- 12 diversification.
- 13 Q. Such as in the early 2000s with Enron and
- 14 WorldCom, et cetera?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. We'll talk about that in a bit.
- 17 Let's move on to your next slide about
- 18 disclosure to holdings. What does this indicate?
- 19 A. If you wanted to know as an investor what these
- 20 funds held over time, you would not go to the
- 21 prospectus. You would go to the semi-annual and the
- 22 annual reports. And the next couple of pages I have an
- 23 example of what that would have told you. Page 26 is
- 24 just how the annual report is disclosed. If you go to
- 25 Page 27, I have, just as a backdrop, the March 31st,

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- 1 The full name of that particular security is in there.
- 2 It's AERCO Limited 2AA3, 5.2 percent and then a final
- 3 maturity of 2025. That is the full name of that
- 4 security. If you wanted to know what that security was,
- 5 you would go to Bloomberg, for example, and just plug it
- 6 in and it will pull up, not only the description of that
- 7 security, but if it was part of a -- an asset-backed or
- 8 a tranched security, it would also give you all the
- 9 other securities in that -- in that structure.
- Q. Okay. So, when you pull it up, it would show
- 11 you that tranche and then all the other tranches within
- 12 that particular CDO, for example?
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- 14 Q. So, you could see where it stood in the
- 15 structure, right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. Let's go ahead to the next slide. Why
- 18 have you included the auditor's opinion here?
- 19 A. Well, just to show you that over time these
- 20 annual reports were audited and that each and every time
- 21 the -- the auditor's report gave the funds a clean bill
- 22 of health.
- 23 Q. Well, it's been suggested that those clean
- 24 bills of health have been withdrawn. Have they?
 - A. No, I don't think they have.

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- 1 2006 annual report for the -- I said RMK Funds. Oh, the
- 2 RMH. So, the RMK High Income Fund. What I've done is
- 3 1 -- on the left-hand side, I've broken out the various
- 4 asset types, the way it was listed in these annual
- 5 reports and you can see how they divided all of the
- 6 securities in -- in these asset types. So, you would
- 7 have found asset-backed securities divided by investment
- 8 grade, noninvestment grade; corporate bonds by
- 9 investment grade and noninvestment grade;
- 10 mortgage-backed securities by investment grade and
- 11 noninvestment grade; and then you have agencies and
- 12 munis and common stocks, preferred stocks, corporate
- 13 loans and deposits.
- 14 Q. So, these reports listed out all of the
- 15 holdings of that fund at that time, correct?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. Now, could you, sir, looking at this listing,
- 18 was it possible to determine whether any of these were
- 19 tranched securities?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. How would you do that?
- 22 A. Well, there are a couple of different ways.
- 23 When you look at the annual reports, and you can see
- 24 they're here in the backdrop, for example, the equipment
- 25 leases, you can just take one of the securities there.

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Q. Well, have you seen anything in your review of

- 2 any of the filings indicating that the auditor's clean
- 3 opinions were withdrawn?
- 4 A. No, I have not.
- Q. Let's go on to the next slide, please, sir.
- 6 It's a multi-colored bar graph.
- 7 A. Yes
- 8 Q. What's -- what are you trying to demonstrate
- 9 for the Panel here, sir?
- 10 A. Well, just to show you what the asset
- 11 allocation was for the different funds over time. So,
- 12 it's -- it's colorful and it's not always easy to see
- 13 the specific colors, but, for example, on Page 29, I
- 14 have gone to the semi-annual and the annual reports for
- 15 the RMK High Income Fund and I have tracked the various
- 16 asset allocations over time. You can see, starting in
- 17 September 2003, the blue part of the bar up on top, it
- 18 says 24.55 percent. If you follow that one across, that
- 19 is actually representing corporate the percentage of
 20 corporate bonds in the portfolio over time, and it
- 21 varies from 24 down to 11 and then it goes back up
- 22 towards 40 percent towards the end.
- 23 Q. And how do these changes take effect? How do
- 24 they occur?
 - A. This is just showing you that Mr. Kelsoe, as

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